

HALL OF WASHINGTON LODGE No. 20 F. & A. M.
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Stated Meeting

August 06, 2026

The Stated Meeting was opened on the First Degree of Masonry at **7:42 PM** with the Master presiding and other Officers and Brethren present as shown in the Tiler's Register.

Officers

William Workman	Worshipful Master	Ramey Packer	Senior Deacon
Brandon Jenkins	Senior Warden	Maury Hicks	Junior Deacon
Nicholas Johnston	Junior Warden	Jonathon Miller	Marshal
Mauro Lara, PM	Treasurer	Kevin Hall	Senior Steward
Not Present	Secretary	Carlos Brusel-Casals	Junior Steward
Christopher Hamilton	Chaplain	Not Present	Musician
Joseph Wallach	Assistant Secretary	Martin Buff	Tiler

Members in Attendance:

- Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**
- Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**
- Worshipful **Jared Yoshiki, PM**
- Worshipful **Russell Tomas, PM**
- Brother **Wallace Clark, Master Mason**
- Brother **Fred Bloom, Master Mason**
- Brother **David Kitts, Master Mason**
- Brother **Creston Whiting-Casey, III, Master Mason**
- Brother **Christopher Boothe, Master Mason**
- Brother **Alexis Baloji, Master Mason**
- Brother **Richard Stover, Master Mason**
- Brother **Moises Gonzalez, Master Mason**
- Brother **Anthony Ibarra, Sr. , Master Mason**
- Brother **Kelvin Kimball, Fellow Craft**
- Brother **Isaí Jaimes, Fellow Craft**

Visiting Brethren:

- Brother **Brennen Barron, Master Mason** of Wayne Lodge No. 112 in Westland, Michigan.
- Brother **Daniel Ottak, Master Mason** of Kadisha Lodge No. 1002, in Beirut, Lebanon, Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland
- Brother **Nicholas Grossman, Master Mason** of Newport Mesa Lodge No. 241 in Newport Beach, California

The Master, Worshipful **William Workman**, invited all Masters and Past Masters to seats in the East, and led the Lodge in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

Reading of the Minutes

The Senior Warden, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, moved that the reading of the **July 02, 2026, Stated Meeting** be dispensed with and that they stand approved as so distributed. Seconded by Brother **Kevin Hall** and approved by the Lodge.

Reports of Investigating Committees

None.

Balloting

None.

Reception of Applications

None.

Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business

(a) Reports of Special Committees:

Worshipful **Jared Yoshiki, PM**, presented a report regarding the most recent MTAS Board meeting and discussed the current building manager and/or co-manager positions, including those involving Brother **Marty Buff** and **Jason Lockhard** of KJ LLC. He provided an update regarding the building's air-conditioning systems, noting that Mr. Lockhard has identified an HVAC contractor who claims to be able to repair the units.

Worshipful Yoshiki also discussed the Lodge's continued ownership and occupancy of the Masonic Temple in light of the building's significant anticipated maintenance and capital needs, which could potentially exceed \$1 million. Items discussed included ceiling tile and painting repairs, elevator work, roof and gutter repairs, seismic gas shut-off valve installation, electrical, plumbing, and various other maintenance items.

Discussion followed concerning whether the Lodge's 8.5% ownership interest is proportionate to its potential financial obligations and exposure to significant repair costs or liabilities. The possibility of vacating the Masonic Temple building while continuing to use the Lodge room under a rental arrangement was also discussed.

Brother **Jonathon Miller** asked what financial obligations the Lodge might assume under such an arrangement, and it was noted that those obligations would depend upon the terms of any lease agreement. Worshipful Yoshiki also responded to questions concerning the Lodge's ownership shares, their potential value, and the process by which the Lodge might dispose of or transfer its interest.

Discussion followed regarding the MTAS Bylaws and a previously referenced committee tasked with reviewing or revising them; Worshipful Yoshiki indicated that he was uncertain of the committee's composition, as the individuals reportedly assigned to it had not been present at the meetings he attended. He further discussed the possibility of requiring unanimous approval of the MTAS Directors for significant business decisions, particularly those involving capital assessments for major renovations or maintenance.

It was noted that, in the past, Washington Lodge No. 20 has reportedly been responsible for approximately one-third of certain capital expenditures despite holding an ownership interest of 8.5%, raising concerns regarding the relationship between ownership percentage and financial responsibility.

Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**, reported that he would send a copy of the MTAS Bylaws to the Worshipful Master.

(b) Bills and Communications:

Worshipful **Mauro Lara, PM**, presented the monthly report of bills for **August 2026** in the amount of **\$15,223.14**. Audited by the Senior and Junior Wardens.

Mandatory Statutory Obligation (CMC §407.025): **\$ 12,868.00** (No Motion Required)
General Expenditures (CMC §809.520): **\$ 2,355.14**

• Grand Lodge of California	\$ 12,868.00	Per Capita Invoice (Annual Returns)
• Masonic Service Bureau	\$ 120.00	2026-2027 Invoice
• MTAS Invoice 6427	\$ 966.24	August 2026 Rent
• US Treasury (2026 Q3)	\$ 110.93	Monthly Deposit (M1)
• Brandon Jenkins	\$ 348.28	Reimbursement (Decorations) (Festive Board)
• Francisco Marques	\$ 76.34	Reimbursement (Zoom, Adobe Sign)
• Kevin Hall	\$ 8.99	Reimbursement (Condiments)
• Martin Buff	\$ 20.34	Reimbursement (Postage)
• Richard Stover	\$ 61.30	Reimbursement (Food Items)
• Secretary's Wages	\$ 487.58	Monthly Payroll (August 2026)
• Tiler's Wages	\$ 155.14	Monthly Payroll (August 2026)
• TOTAL	\$ 15,223.14	

Worshipful **Mauro Lara, PM**, moved that the bills be paid. Seconded by Brother **Kevin Hall** and approved by the Lodge.

(c) New Business:

The Treasurer, Worshipful **Mauro Lara, PM**, read the 2026 Semi-Annual Financial Statement on Income and Expenditures, and on Assets and Liabilities, pursuant to CMC §805.220.

The Assistant Secretary, Worshipful **Joseph Wallach, PM**, read the 2026 Semi-Annual Secretary Report on Membership Information and Monies Received, pursuant to CMC §805.230.

Worshipful **Mauro Lara, PM**, moved that the lodge sell **\$215,000.00** of its stock portfolio and purchase additional A-rated corporate bonds at a rate of roughly 4.8%. Seconded by Brother **Kevin Hall** and approved by the Lodge.

The Senior Warden, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, moved that the Lodge donate **\$500.00** to Brother **Creston Whiting-Casey**, pursuant to CMC §812.010 (Relief). Seconded by Worshipful **Russell Tomas, PM**, and approved by the Lodge.

Sacred Roll

None.

Oration

None.

Examination

The Master directed all Entered Apprentices to retire and declared the Lodge to be at refreshment and labor resumed on the Second Degree of Masonry for the purpose of Examination at **9:06 PM**.

The Senior Warden, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, conducted the Examination upon Brother **Isaí Jaimes**, who demonstrated an excellent level of proficiency in the assigned portion of the lecture of the Fellow Craft Degree.

After congratulating the Candidate, the Master declared the Lodge to be called from refreshment to labor on the First Degree of Masonry at **9:18 PM** and directed the Junior Deacon to invite Entered Apprentices back in the lodge room.

Good of the Order

The Junior Deacon, Brother **Maury Hicks**, reported cash donations in the amount of **\$70.00** received during dinner for the Refreshment Fund and delivered the funds to the Assistant Secretary.

There being no further comments for the Good of the Order, the Stated Meeting was closed at **9:25 PM**. Dinner was served in the Banquet Room before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Francisco Marques, PM
Secretary

William Workman
Master